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Maldives

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to the Maldives due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Maldives due to terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 30 days.

US Embassy/ Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Maldives; US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives, is accredited to both countries; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy to Sri Lanka +94 (11) 249-8500; US Embassy Colombo, 210 Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka; note: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke of establishing an embassy on his trip to Maldives Oct 2020

Telephone Code

960

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 102; Fire: 999; Police: 119

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

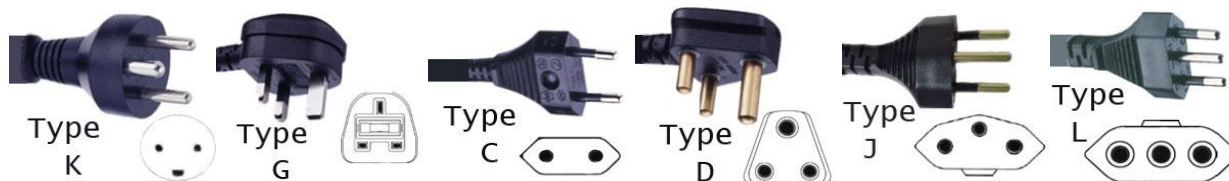
Tropical; hot, humid; dry, northeast monsoon (November to March); rainy, southwest monsoon (June to August)

Currency (Code)

Rufiyaa (MVR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, D, G, J, K, L



Major Languages

Dhivehi, English

Religions	Sunni Muslim
Time Difference	UTC+5 (10 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	National Museum; Sultan Park; Tsunami Monument; Republic Square; Rasfannu; Male Waterfront; Friday Mosque; Muleeaage Palace
Major sporting events	Soccer, tennis, baseball, badminton, basketball, table tennis
Cultural Practices	While beachwear is acceptable in resorts, it is typically frowned upon in other locations.
Tipping Guidelines	If staying in a hotel for a few days or more and the staff has demonstrated good service, a gratuity of \$2 (USD) per day is suggested. Tipping guides \$10 (USD) per day is appropriate.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

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